

## **Historic, Archive Document**

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.



MAY 1956

# TRADE IN GRAIN FUTURES

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ISSUED MONTHLY  
BY

COMMODITY  
EXCHANGE  
AUTHORITY



## CONTENTS

### WHEAT:

Table	1.	Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
Table	2.	Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
Table	3.	Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
Table	4.	Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
Table	5.	Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis Kansas City and Liverpool
Table	6.	High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade

### CORN:

Table	7.	Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
Table	8.	Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
Table	9.	Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
Table	10.	Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
Table	11.	High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade

### OATS:

Table	12.	Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
Table	13.	Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
Table	14.	Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
Table	15.	Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
Table	16.	Daily closing prices, Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg; and rate of exchange Canadian currency
Table	17.	High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade

### RYE:

Table	18.	Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
Table	19.	Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
Table	20.	Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
Table	21.	Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
Table	22.	Daily closing prices, Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg
Table	23.	High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade

### SOYBEANS:

Table	24.	Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
Table	25.	Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
Table	26.	Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
Table	27.	Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
Table	28.	High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade

• • • • •

Key: a - asked price; b - bid price; n - nominal quotation

The open contract figures shown in this publication are the aggregates of positions long (or short) carried on the books of clearing members.



Table 1. WHEAT: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
May 1956

Date	: Chicago : Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	: Kansas City: : Board of : Trade	: Other : contract : markets	: Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	14,723	1,103	1,405	228	17,459
2	15,396	1,270	1,387	262	18,315
3	11,569	790	2,089	265	14,713
4	7,715	889	999	234	9,837
Saturday					
Sunday					
7	12,004	1,292	1,035	326	14,657
8	16,450	1,106	1,355	625	19,536
9	14,454	1,281	753	355	16,843
10	7,745	660	655	268	9,328
11	12,258	1,221	705	411	14,595
Saturday					
Sunday					
14	9,278	996	892	248	11,414
15	9,924	991	281	305	11,501
16	12,293	973	687	366	14,319
17	10,170	513	900	449	12,032
18	10,043	1,008	783	339	12,173
Saturday					
Sunday					
21	13,639	811	1,645	331	16,426
22	10,834	997	1,500	464	13,795
23	7,486	688	809	420	9,403
24	6,491	698	698	270	8,157
25	13,982	509	1,157	407	16,055
Saturday					
Sunday					
28	11,745	806	675	551	13,777
29	10,190	822	646	299	11,957
Holiday					
31	8,505	557	848	299	10,209
Total					
May 1956	246,894	19,981	21,904	7,722	296,501
April 1956	319,595	24,923	26,797	7,214	378,529
May 1955	339,144	23,788	32,597	7,596	403,125

Table 2. WHEAT: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
May 1956

Date	Future					All futures
	May	July	September	December	March	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	3,336	6,461	2,697	1,935	294	14,723
2	2,560	6,414	3,861	2,329	232	15,396
3	1,333	5,447	2,559	2,074	156	11,569
4	1,039	4,165	1,405	1,010	96	7,715
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	791	6,402	2,312	2,017	482	12,004
8	957	7,633	4,045	3,496	319	16,450
9	746	7,139	3,676	2,625	268	14,454
10	861	3,391	1,727	1,669	97	7,745
11	1,181	5,542	3,283	2,092	160	12,258
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	1,340	3,694	2,517	1,527	200	9,278
15	1,068	4,286	2,531	1,784	255	9,924
16	1,157	6,316	3,034	1,565	221	12,293
17	1,112	4,171	2,674	1,875	338	10,170
18	2,163	3,661	2,225	1,626	368	10,043
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	4,415	4,541	2,572	1,608	503	13,639
22	---	5,576	2,872	1,934	452	10,834
23	---	3,660	1,797	1,544	485	7,486
24	---	3,475	1,339	1,273	404	6,491
25	---	6,292	4,147	2,595	948	13,982
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	4,583	3,152	3,128	882	11,745
29	---	4,189	3,189	2,507	305	10,190
Holiday						
31	---	4,180	1,906	1,867	552	8,505
Total						
May 1956	24,059	111,218	59,520	44,080	8,017	246,894
April 1956	64,226	147,493	64,595	38,204	5,077	319,595
May 1955	62,554	146,751	47,551	64,689	17,599	339,144

Table 3. WHEAT: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
May 1956

Date	: Chicago : Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	: Kansas City : Board of : Trade	: Other : contract : markets	: Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	57,102	5,022	8,736	545	71,405
2	57,092	5,062	8,939	510	71,603
3	57,798	5,018	9,357	522	72,695
4	59,132	4,919	8,964	562	73,577
Saturday					
Sunday					
7	59,437	4,908	8,991	565	73,901
8	60,439	4,811	8,927	671	74,848
9	60,914	4,733	8,858	643	75,148
10	61,213	4,871	8,871	692	75,647
11	60,495	4,792	8,676	547	74,510
Saturday					
Sunday					
14	60,528	4,808	8,706	606	74,648
15	60,273	4,711	8,669	649	74,302
16	60,438	4,640	8,511	584	74,173
17	60,464	4,558	8,859	620	74,501
18	59,938	4,512	9,033	605	74,088
Saturday					
Sunday					
21	58,615	4,538	9,329	618	73,100
22	59,267	4,460	9,597	629	73,953
23	58,957	4,549	9,435	640	73,581
24	60,004	4,648	9,777	644	75,073
25	60,180	4,760	9,786	702	75,428
Saturday					
Sunday					
28	60,923	4,725	9,661	667	75,976
29	60,341	4,732	9,757	655	75,485
Holiday					
31	60,181	4,791	10,061	666	75,699

Table 4. WHEAT: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
May 1956

Date	Future					All futures
	May	July	September	December	March	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	7,101	25,522	12,580	9,988	1,911	57,102
2	6,431	25,779	13,089	9,851	1,942	57,092
3	6,522	25,715	13,249	10,333	1,979	57,798
4	6,347	26,547	13,545	10,676	2,017	59,132
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	6,098	26,667	13,716	10,788	2,168	59,437
8	5,972	27,361	14,104	10,751	2,251	60,439
9	5,713	27,273	14,421	11,217	2,290	60,914
10	5,414	27,308	14,555	11,604	2,332	61,213
11	5,178	27,093	14,435	11,436	2,353	60,495
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	4,769	27,544	14,605	11,178	2,432	60,528
15	4,272	27,489	14,834	11,109	2,569	60,273
16	4,084	27,094	15,243	11,364	2,653	60,438
17	3,581	26,816	15,514	11,744	2,809	60,464
18	2,582	26,697	15,996	11,755	2,908	59,938
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	425	27,059	16,131	11,808	3,192	58,615
22	315	27,269	16,440	11,845	3,398	59,267
23	250	27,041	16,323	11,818	3,525	58,957
24	240	27,529	16,581	11,997	3,657	60,004
25	10	27,384	16,469	12,224	4,093	60,180
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	10	27,258	16,498	12,586	4,571	60,923
29	---	26,264	16,527	12,914	4,636	60,341
Holiday						
31	---	25,979	16,622	12,893	4,687	60,181

Table 5. WHEAT: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis  
Kansas City and Liverpool.  
May 1956

1956 July future				
Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Kansas City Board of Trade	Liverpool 1/
1956 May	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1	211 1/4-3/8	230	208 7/8-09	211 3/4 n
2	209 1/4	228 3/8	208 1/2-09	211 5/8 n
3	208 3/4-7/8	228 5/8	208	211 3/4 n
4	209 3/8-1/2	229 7/8 a	208	212 1/8 n
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	206 3/8-1/2	229 1/4 b	205 7/8-06	212 1/8 n
8	204 5/8-3/4	228 3/8	204 7/8	212 n
9	205-05 1/8	228 1/4	205 3/8	212 n
10	205 1/4-3/8	228 1/4	205 1/8-1/4	211 7/8 n
11	207 5/8-3/4	229 1/4	207 7/8	210 5/8 n
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	206 1/2-3/4	229 1/8	206 1/8	210 7/8 n
15	207	228 3/4 b	206 1/8	210 5/8 n
16	208 3/4-7/8	229 5/8	206 7/8	210 3/4 n
17	208 1/2-5/8	229 7/8	206 3/4	211 1/8 n
18	207 3/4-7/8	229	206 7/8	211 n
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	208 1/8-1/4	228 3/8	207 5/8	211 n
22	206 3/8-1/2	226 1/4	206	210 5/8 n
23	205 1/2-5/8	225 1/8	205 3/8	209 1/2 n
24	204 3/4-7/8	225	204 1/2	208 1/4 n
25	201 1/2-3/4	224	202 5/8	208 1/4 n
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	201 1/8-1/4	222 5/8	202 5/8	208 1/4 n
29	202 1/4-1/2	222 3/4	203 1/8-1/4	208 5/8 n
Holiday				
31	203 1/8-1/4	221 3/4	202-02 1/8	208 1/8 n

1/ "As reported by the Chicago Board of Trade in cents per bushel converted from pounds, shillings and pence per ton 2,240 pounds."

Table 6. WHEAT: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, May 1956

Date	1956 May future			1956 July future			1956 September future		
	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing
1956									
May	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents
1	:236 1/2	231	231 1/2-3/4	:213 1/8	210 7/8	211 1/4-3/8	:214 7/8	212 3/4	213 1/8-1/4
2	:233 1/4	222	227-28	:211 3/4	207 3/4	209 1/4	:213 1/2	209 3/4	211 3/8
3	:228 1/2	225 3/4	226 1/2-27	:210 3/8	207 7/8	208 3/4-7/8	:212 3/8	210	210 5/8-3/4
4	:232	229	229 1/4-3/8	:210 1/4	208 3/4	209 3/8-1/2	:212	210 3/4	211 3/8-1/2
Saturday									
Sunday									
7	:228 3/4	224 3/4	226-26 1/4	:210	206	206 3/8-1/2	:211 7/8	208	208 1/8-1/4
8	:226	224	224 1/8	:206 1/2	204 1/2	204 5/8-3/4	:208 3/8	206 1/8	206 1/4
9	:226 3/4	223 1/2	226	:206 3/8	204	205-05 1/8	:208 1/8	205 5/8	206 5/8-3/4
10	:227 7/8	226	227 1/2	:206 1/8	204 3/4	205 1/4-3/8	:207 7/8	206 1/2	207-07 1/8
11	:233	229 1/2	231 7/8	:208	206 5/8	207 5/8-3/4	:209 5/8	208 1/4	208 7/8-09
Saturday									
Sunday									
14	:232 1/2	226 1/4	226 1/4-5/8	:208 3/8	206 3/8	206 1/2-3/4	:209 7/8	208	208-08 1/8
15	:227	225	226 7/8-27	:207	205 1/2	207	:208 1/2	207	208 3/8-1/2
16	:230	226 3/8	229 1/2	:209 3/8	207 1/8	208 3/4-7/8	:210 5/8	208 1/2	210 1/8
17	:231 1/2	228 1/4	228 1/2	:209 1/4	208 1/8	208 1/2-5/8	:210 3/4	209 1/2	210 1/8-1/4
18	:229 1/2	224 1/4	226-26 1/4	:209 3/8	207 1/2	207 3/4-7/8	:210 7/8	209	209 1/8-1/4
Saturday									
Sunday									
21	:226 1/4	219 1/2	219 1/2-21 1/2	:208 3/8	206 7/8	208 1/8-1/4	:210 3/4	208 1/4	209 3/4-7/8
22	:----	----	----	:208 1/8	205 3/4	206 3/8-1/2	:209 3/8	207 1/4	207 7/8
23	:----	----	----	:206 1/2	205	205 1/2-5/8	:208	206 1/2	207
24	:----	----	----	:205 5/8	204 1/2	204 3/4-7/8	:207 1/8	206	206 1/8-1/4
25	:----	----	----	:204 1/4	201 1/2	201 1/2-3/4	:205 7/8	203 3/8	203 1/2
Saturday									
Sunday									
28	:----	----	----	:202 1/4	200 3/4	201 1/8-1/4	:204 1/4	202 5/8	203 1/8-1/4
29	:----	----	----	:203 1/4	201 3/8	202 1/4-1/2	:205	203 1/4	204 1/8-3/8
Holiday									
31	:----	----	----	:203 3/8	201 3/8	203 1/8-1/4	:205 1/4	203 1/4	205-05 1/8

Table 7. CORN: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
May 1956

Date	: : Chicago : Board of : Trade	: : Other : contract : markets	: : Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	18,963	124	19,087
2	23,603	196	23,799
3	13,617	216	13,833
4	13,975	109	14,084
Saturday			
Sunday			
7	11,109	71	11,180
8	14,084	87	14,171
9	16,195	80	16,275
10	11,562	138	11,700
11	9,293	80	9,373
Saturday			
Sunday			
14	9,496	68	9,564
15	16,269	92	16,361
16	14,342	136	14,478
17	8,617	33	8,650
18	17,357	163	17,520
Saturday			
Sunday			
21	10,845	172	11,017
22	11,998	139	12,137
23	7,917	151	8,068
24	6,672	76	6,748
25	11,714	89	11,803
Saturday			
Sunday			
28	16,645	83	16,728
29	14,328	129	14,457
Holiday			
31	14,719	116	14,835
Total			
May 1956	293,320	2,548	295,868
April 1956	278,434	3,390	281,824
May 1955	158,238	1,034	159,272

Table 8. CORN: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
May 1956

Date	Future					All futures
	May	July	September	December	March	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	2,682	10,926	2,661	2,349	345	18,963
2	2,385	14,155	3,964	2,926	173	23,603
3	1,720	8,697	1,681	1,318	201	13,617
4	1,848	7,806	2,190	1,869	262	13,975
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	1,506	7,074	1,223	1,201	105	11,109
8	1,505	8,638	1,887	1,821	233	14,084
9	1,442	10,310	2,292	2,014	137	16,195
10	983	7,151	1,970	1,226	232	11,562
11	616	5,112	1,266	2,000	299	9,293
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	605	4,924	1,994	1,863	110	9,496
15	913	7,952	3,203	3,145	1,056	16,269
16	1,279	6,511	2,311	2,722	1,519	14,342
17	847	4,080	1,814	1,352	524	8,617
18	1,055	9,996	3,156	2,731	419	17,357
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	1,798	5,540	1,982	1,278	247	10,845
22	---	5,176	2,653	3,186	983	11,998
23	---	4,504	1,581	1,524	308	7,917
24	---	3,720	1,376	1,372	204	6,672
25	---	6,008	2,568	2,595	543	11,714
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	7,641	4,258	3,761	985	16,645
29	---	7,250	3,969	2,860	249	14,328
Holiday						
31	---	7,598	3,662	2,939	520	14,719
Total						
May 1956	21,184	160,769	53,661	48,052	9,654	293,320
April 1956	75,628	119,255	34,480	44,192	4,879	278,434
May 1955	28,523	86,885	23,929	17,284	1,617	158,238

Table 9. CORN: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
May 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	78,594	350	78,944
2	78,989	355	79,344
3	78,265	317	78,582
4	78,703	339	79,042
Saturday			
Sunday			
7	78,737	318	79,055
8	77,971	309	78,280
9	75,085	307	75,392
10	74,405	326	74,731
11	73,899	318	74,217
Saturday			
Sunday			
14	73,703	322	74,025
15	73,829	332	74,161
16	74,800	294	75,094
17	75,100	294	75,394
18	73,460	225	73,685
Saturday			
Sunday			
21	72,264	242	72,506
22	72,941	226	73,167
23	74,053	256	74,309
24	74,902	273	75,175
25	74,357	282	74,639
Saturday			
Sunday			
28	72,069	271	72,340
29	70,178	274	70,452
Holiday			
31	68,825	272	69,097

Table 10. CORN: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
May 1956

Date	Future					All futures
	May	July	September	December	March	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	7,266	43,512	14,534	11,449	1,833	78,594
2	6,418	43,871	14,832	11,965	1,903	78,989
3	5,826	43,777	14,775	12,008	1,879	78,265
4	5,380	44,238	14,823	12,419	1,843	78,703
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	5,174	44,561	14,640	12,502	1,860	78,737
8	4,733	44,393	14,473	12,501	1,871	77,971
9	4,103	42,513	14,314	12,270	1,885	75,085
10	3,980	41,664	14,496	12,303	1,962	74,405
11	3,613	41,339	14,489	12,480	1,978	73,899
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	3,210	41,279	14,489	12,782	1,943	73,703
15	2,744	41,108	14,437	13,246	2,294	73,829
16	2,540	40,788	14,742	13,755	2,975	74,800
17	1,963	40,826	15,087	14,022	3,202	75,100
18	1,335	39,442	15,442	13,990	3,251	73,460
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	540	38,942	15,546	13,946	3,290	72,264
22	8	38,946	15,733	14,490	3,764	72,941
23	5	39,191	16,046	14,955	3,856	74,053
24	---	39,501	16,274	15,220	3,907	74,902
25	---	38,433	16,324	15,692	3,908	74,357
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	36,940	16,224	15,365	3,540	72,069
29	---	35,349	16,136	15,207	3,486	70,178
Holiday						
31	---	33,969	16,047	15,280	3,529	68,825

Table 11. CORN: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, May 1956

Date	1956 May future			1956 July future			1956 September future		
	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing
1956	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
May	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1	154 5/8	151 1/2	154 1/8-3/8	158 3/4	155 3/4	158 1/4-1/2	158 3/8	155 3/8	158 1/8-1/4
2	155 3/4	150 1/2	151 3/4-5/8	159 5/8	154	155-55 1/4	159 3/4	155 1/4	155 1/2-5/8
3	153 1/2	151 1/2	153 1/4-1/2	157 1/2	155 1/4	156 3/4-7/8	157 5/8	155 5/8	157
4	155 1/4	153 1/2	153 3/4-7/8	159 1/8	157 3/8	157 3/4-7/8	159 3/8	157 3/8	158-58 1/4
Saturday	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
7	154 1/4	152 1/8	152 5/8-3/4	158 1/4	156	156 1/4-1/2	158 1/2	156 5/8	156 3/4-7/8
8	152 1/4	150 3/4	151 1/8-1/4	156 1/8	154 5/8	154 7/8-55	156 1/2	155 1/2	155 1/2-3/4
9	150 3/8	148	150	154	151	153 3/8-1/2	155	153 1/4	154 1/2-5/8
10	150 1/4	148 3/4	148 7/8-49	154	152	152-52 1/4	154 7/8	153	153
11	150 1/4	148 3/4	149 7/8-50	153 3/4	152 1/4	153 1/8-3/8	154 1/4	153 1/4	154
Saturday	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
14	151 5/8	150 1/4	150 3/4-7/8	155	153 5/8	154 1/8-1/4	155 3/4	154 1/4	154 5/8-3/4
15	150 1/4	148 1/4	148 7/8	153 7/8	151	151 7/8-52 1/8	154	152 1/4	152 5/8
16	150 1/8	148 1/8	149 3/8-1/2	153 1/4	151 3/8	152 1/4-3/8	153 5/8	151 5/8	152 7/8-53
17	149 3/4	148 3/4	149 1/2	152 3/4	151 7/8	152 5/8-3/4	153 1/4	152 1/4	152 7/8-53
18	150 7/8	147 1/4	147 7/8-48	154	150 1/4	150 7/8-51	154 1/4	150 7/8	151 1/4
Saturday	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
21	149	146 7/8	148-48 1/2	151 3/4	149 3/4	150 3/4-51	151 7/8	150 3/8	151 3/4-7/8
22	---	---	---	152 1/2	151 1/8	152 3/8-1/2	152 7/8	151 1/2	152 1/2-5/8
23	---	---	---	152 7/8	151 3/4	152 3/4-7/8	153 1/8	151 3/4	153-53 1/8
24	---	---	---	153 1/2	152 3/4	152 3/4-7/8	153 5/8	152 3/4	152 3/4-7/8
25	---	---	---	152 1/8	150 3/4	151 1/8-1/4	152 1/4	150 1/2	150 3/4
Saturday	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
28	---	---	---	150 5/8	147 1/2	147 5/8-3/4	150 1/8	146 7/8	146 7/8-47
29	---	---	---	148 7/8	146 3/4	147 3/8-1/2	148 7/8	147 1/8	147 1/4
Holiday	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
31	---	---	---	149 1/4	145 1/4	149 1/8-1/4	149	146	148 7/8-49



Table 12. OATS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
May 1956

Date	: Chicago Board of Trade	: Minneapolis Grain Exchange	: Other contract markets	: Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	3,611	56	23	3,690
2	3,294	92	29	3,415
3	2,729	82	5	2,816
4	4,358	40	21	4,419
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	2,297	48	2	2,347
8	2,145	28	7	2,180
9	2,158	27	10	2,195
10	4,481	86	32	4,599
11	1,670	39	7	1,716
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	1,268	44	15	1,327
15	1,918	94	15	2,027
16	3,542	19	9	3,570
17	2,536	30	40	2,606
18	2,926	16	31	2,973
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	2,915	66	7	2,988
22	2,360	78	10	2,448
23	1,454	16	—	1,470
24	1,082	31	10	1,123
25	3,398	55	12	3,465
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	3,443	89	15	3,547
29	1,701	37	10	1,748
Holiday				
31	1,982	49	25	2,056
Total				
May 1956	57,268	1,122	335	58,725
April 1956	64,014	2,700	371	67,085
May 1955	52,635	1,827	220	54,682

Table 13. OATS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
May 1956

Date	Future					All future
	May	July	September	December	March	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	1,532	989	785	305		3,611
2	1,111	1,066	639	478		3,294
3	592	1,067	579	491		2,729
4	804	1,682	1,110	762		4,358
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	389	872	615	421		2,297
8	162	519	857	607		2,145
9	418	508	501	731		2,158
10	444	1,538	1,263	1,236		4,481
11	157	485	656	372		1,670
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	106	432	250	480		1,268
15	400	636	451	431		1,918
16	584	1,523	459	976		3,542
17	405	695	489	947		2,536
18	503	1,312	291	820		2,926
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	1,014	1,018	327	556		2,915
22	---	905	836	619		2,360
23	---	616	263	570	5	1,454
24	---	404	294	384	---	1,082
25	---	1,449	614	1,291	44	3,398
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	992	1,084	1,327	40	3,443
29	---	454	612	603	32	1,701
Holiday						
31	---	561	655	700	66	1,982
Total						
May 1956	8,621	19,723	13,630	15,107	187	57,268
April 1956	20,319	19,929	12,971	10,795	---	64,014
May 1955	13,061	20,207	11,971	7,014	382	52,635

Table 14. OATS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
May 1956

Date	: Chicago Board of Trade	: Minneapolis Grain Exchange	: Other contract markets	: Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	20,221	845	103	21,169
2	20,147	850	88	21,085
3	20,139	821	93	21,053
4	20,186	813	83	21,082
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	20,281	825	83	21,189
8	20,250	806	90	21,146
9	20,451	810	80	21,341
10	20,467	832	73	21,372
11	20,364	819	65	21,248
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	20,521	802	67	21,390
15	20,321	779	65	21,165
16	20,606	777	69	21,452
17	20,856	772	70	21,698
18	20,588	754	57	21,399
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	20,777	749	55	21,581
22	20,801	707	55	21,563
23	20,678	706	55	21,439
24	20,688	703	60	21,451
25	20,319	633	59	21,011
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	19,723	660	54	20,437
29	19,488	662	49	20,199
Holiday				
31	19,372	641	44	20,057

Table 15. OATS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
May 1956

Date	Future					All future
	May	July	September	December	March	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>May</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	3,667	7,292	4,625	4,637		20,221
2	3,205	7,553	4,633	4,756		20,147
3	2,775	7,853	4,568	4,943		20,139
4	2,260	8,078	4,726	5,122		20,186
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	2,019	8,103	4,838	5,321		20,281
8	1,821	7,948	4,909	5,572		20,250
9	1,726	7,860	4,942	5,923		20,451
10	1,553	7,566	5,206	6,142		20,467
11	1,420	7,539	5,199	6,206		20,364
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	1,351	7,570	5,214	6,386		20,521
15	1,176	7,589	5,086	6,470		20,321
16	929	7,653	5,185	6,839		20,606
17	721	7,743	5,225	7,167		20,856
18	559	7,593	5,263	7,173		20,588
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	444	7,740	5,239	7,354		20,777
22	180	7,765	5,458	7,398		20,801
23	175	7,632	5,390	7,476	5	20,678
24	175	7,563	5,424	7,521	5	20,688
25	---	7,296	5,422	7,554	47	20,319
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	7,053	5,101	7,492	77	19,723
29	---	6,878	5,121	7,385	104	19,488
Holiday						
31	---	6,910	4,988	7,331	143	19,372

Table 16. OATS: Daily closing prices, Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg, and rate of exchange, Canadian Currency  
May 1956

1956 July future				
Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Winnipeg Grain Exchange	Exchange Rate Canadian Currency <sup>2/</sup>
1956				
May	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1	67	62 5/8 a	78 b	100.5312
2	66 5/8-7/8	62	78 5/8 b	100.5312
3	67 3/8-1/2	62 1/4 a	78 3/4	100.5312
4	67 1/4-1/2	62 1/2	79 a	100.5312
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	67 1/4	62 1/2 a	79 7/8 b	100.5625
8	67 1/2-5/8	62 1/2 b	79 5/8 a	100.7031
9	67 1/2	62 1/2 b	79 3/8 a	100.7812
10	65 3/4-7/8	60 1/2 a	78 3/4 b	100.7031
11	66 1/2	61 1/8	79 1/8 b	100.7120
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	67	61 5/8 b	79 1/4 a	100.7857
15	66 5/8-3/4	61 3/4 b	79 b	100.8437
16	67 1/8	62 1/2 a	79 5/8	100.8303
17	67 3/4	62 5/8 b	81 b	100.8214
18	66 3/4-7/8	62 1/4 a	80 7/8	100.8437
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	65-65 1/2	61 1/2	Holiday	100.8437
22	66 1/8	61 1/2 b	80 1/2 a	100.9062
23	66	61 1/2 b	81 1/4	101.0111
24	65 7/8	61 3/8	81 3/8	100.9910
25	64 3/4-65	60 1/2	80 1/4	101.0156
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	62 1/2-5/8	59 5/8	78 1/2	101.0513
29	63 3/8-1/2	59 1/2 b	79	101.0937
Holiday				
31	65 5/8-3/4	61 3/8 a	81	101.0468

<sup>1/</sup> As reported by the Chicago Board of Trade and converted to American currency at rates shown.

<sup>2/</sup> Based on noon buying rates in New York certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Table 17. OATS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, May 1956

Rate	1956 May future				1956 July future				1956 September future			
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	High	Low	Closing	Cents
1956												
May												
1	:66 3/8	65	66-66 1/8	:67 1/4	66 5/8	67	:69	68 1/4	:69	68 1/4	68 5/8-3/4	68 1/4
2	:66 3/4	65 1/2	66-66 3/8	:67 3/8	66 3/8	66 5/8-7/8	:69 1/8	68 1/8	:69 1/8	68 1/8	68 1/4	69
3	:66 3/4	65 5/8	66 3/8-5/8	:67 5/8	66 1/2	67 3/8-1/2	:69 3/8	68 1/4	:69 3/8	68 1/4	69	69 1/4
4	:67 1/2	65 1/2	65 5/8-3/4	:68 5/8	67 1/4	67 1/4-1/2	:70 1/4	69 1/4	:70 1/4	69 1/4	69 1/4	69 1/4
Saturday												
Sunday												
7	:66 3/4	65 1/2	65 7/8-66	:68 1/4	67 1/4	67 1/4	:70 1/8	69	:70 1/8	69	69 1/8	69 1/8
8	:66	65 1/2	65 7/8-66	:67 5/8	66 7/8	67 1/2-5/8	:69 5/8	68 1/2	:69 5/8	68 1/2	69 3/8	69 3/8
9	:67	65 3/4	67	:67 3/4	67 1/8	67 1/2	:69 5/8	69	:69 5/8	69	69 1/4-3/8	69 1/4-3/8
10	:66 3/4	65 1/4	66	:67 1/2	65 1/2	65 3/4-7/8	:69 3/8	67	:69 3/8	67	67 3/8	67 3/8
11	:66 1/2	65 7/8	66 1/2	:66 3/4	66	66 1/2	:68	67 3/8	:68	67 3/8	67 7/8	67 7/8
Saturday												
Sunday												
14	:66 7/8	66 1/2	66 7/8	:67 1/8	66 1/2	67	:68 3/8	67 3/4	:68 3/8	67 3/4	68 1/4 a	68 1/4 a
15	:66 7/8	65 5/8	66 3/4-7/8	:66 7/8	65 7/8	66 5/8-3/4	:68	67 1/8	:68	67 1/8	67 7/8	67 7/8
16	:67 3/4	66 3/8	66 3/4-67	:67 3/4	66 5/8	67 1/8	:68 5/8	68 1/8	:68 5/8	67 3/4	68 1/8	68 1/8
17	:68	67	68	:67 3/4	67	67 3/4	:69	68 1/8	:69	68 1/8	69 a	69 a
18	:68 5/8	67	67 7/8-68	:68 1/4	66 1/2	66 3/4-7/8	:69 1/4	67 3/4	:69 1/4	67 3/4	67 3/4	67 3/4
Saturday												
Sunday												
21	:68 1/8	65	65-65 7/8	:67 1/8	65	65-65 1/2	:68	67 1/4	:68	67 1/4	67 1/2	67 1/2
22	:---	---	---	:66 5/8	65 5/8	66 1/8	:68 1/8	67	:68 1/8	67	67 1/2	67 1/2
23	:---	---	---	:66 3/4	65 7/8	66	:67 3/4	67 1/4	:67 3/4	67 1/4	67 5/8	67 5/8
24	:---	---	---	:66 3/8	65 7/8	65 7/8	:67 3/4	67 3/8	:67 3/4	67 3/8	67 1/2	67 1/2
25	:---	---	---	:65 7/8	64 5/8	64 3/4-65	:67 1/4	66 3/8	:67 1/4	66 3/8	66 5/8	66 5/8
Saturday												
Sunday												
28	:---	---	---	:64 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2-5/8	:66 1/8	64	:66 1/8	64	64 1/8-1/4	64 1/8-1/4
29	:---	---	---	:63 1/2	62 3/4	63 3/8-1/2	:64 3/4	64 1/4	:64 3/4	64 1/4	64 5/8-3/4	64 5/8-3/4
Holiday												
31	:---	---	---	:66	63 1/4	65 5/8-3/4	:67	64 1/2	:67	64 1/2	66 5/8-67	66 5/8-67

Table 18. RYE: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
May 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	2,351	12	28	2,391
2	2,867	36	33	2,936
3	2,512	19	21	2,552
4	2,551	7	33	2,591
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	2,217	6	33	2,256
8	3,118	30	37	3,185
9	2,110	12	10	2,132
10	1,452	--	17	1,469
11	1,673	5	6	1,684
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	1,609	6	30	1,645
15	3,165	17	46	3,228
16	1,511	7	22	1,540
17	1,532	--	33	1,565
18	2,082	13	33	2,128
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	2,873	16	27	2,916
22	2,287	--	22	2,309
23	1,458	5	17	1,480
24	1,230	8	31	1,269
25	1,989	12	16	2,017
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	3,945	20	32	3,997
29	2,415	18	15	2,448
Holiday				
31	1,639	25	12	1,676
Total				
May 1956	48,586	274	554	49,414
April 1956	53,681	697	800	55,178
May 1955	61,859	61	633	62,553

Table 19. RYE: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
May 1956

Date	Future						All futures
	May	July	September	December	March		
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	707	826	414	404			2,351
2	720	1,286	514	347			2,867
3	633	912	703	264			2,512
4	434	1,147	643	327			2,551
Saturday							
Sunday							
7	296	1,265	396	260			2,217
8	445	1,427	537	709			3,118
9	398	788	666	258			2,110
10	166	684	448	154			1,452
11	221	700	538	214			1,673
Saturday							
Sunday							
14	82	724	555	248			1,609
15	349	1,325	1,145	346			3,165
16	250	482	521	258			1,511
17	269	568	518	177			1,532
18	545	600	562	375			2,082
Saturday							
Sunday							
21	1,591	646	449	187			2,873
22		1,035	730	522			2,287
23		602	420	436			1,458
24		660	359	211			1,230
25		906	572	506	5		1,989
Saturday							
Sunday							
28		1,399	1,466	1,027	53		3,945
29		857	736	703	119		2,415
Holiday							
31		458	669	485	27		1,639
Total							
May 1956	7,106	19,297	13,561	8,418	204		48,536
April 1956	23,374	19,512	7,857	2,938	---		53,681
May 1955	9,931	25,109	16,938	9,685	196		61,859

Table 20. RYE: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
May 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	10,680	523	96	11,299
2	10,272	414	85	10,771
3	10,282	248	89	10,619
4	10,261	219	92	10,572
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	10,579	219	75	10,873
8	10,385	234	71	10,690
9	10,607	244	72	10,923
10	10,871	213	83	11,167
11	10,824	213	82	11,119
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	11,053	207	86	11,346
15	10,797	184	101	11,082
16	10,826	169	101	11,096
17	10,806	169	101	11,076
18	10,565	164	92	10,821
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	9,912	155	92	10,159
22	9,805	153	106	10,064
23	9,876	143	110	10,129
24	9,957	84	105	10,146
25	10,161	70	90	10,321
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	10,156	79	94	10,329
29	10,291	92	94	10,477
Holiday				
31	10,337	107	94	10,538

Table 21. RYE: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
May 1956

Date	Future						All futures
	May	July	September	December	March		
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	2,962	4,165	2,416	1,137			10,680
2	2,547	4,152	2,465	1,108			10,272
3	2,354	4,187	2,563	1,178			10,282
4	2,244	4,231	2,564	1,222			10,261
Saturday							
Sunday							
7	2,242	4,398	2,605	1,334			10,579
8	2,027	4,370	2,640	1,348			10,385
9	1,830	4,509	2,846	1,422			10,607
10	1,792	4,720	2,915	1,444			10,871
11	1,718	4,680	2,946	1,480			10,824
Saturday							
Sunday							
14	1,707	4,628	3,139	1,579			11,053
15	1,621	4,626	3,004	1,546			10,797
16	1,578	4,706	2,997	1,545			10,826
17	1,449	4,820	2,989	1,548			10,806
18	1,107	4,888	3,002	1,568			10,565
Saturday							
Sunday							
21	268	4,930	3,114	1,600			9,912
22	58	4,875	3,159	1,713			9,805
23	10	4,889	3,181	1,796			9,876
24	---	4,970	3,139	1,848			9,957
25	---	4,997	3,184	1,975		5	10,161
Saturday							
Sunday							
28	---	4,663	3,212	2,239		42	10,156
29	---	4,477	3,239	2,468		107	10,291
Holiday							
31	---	4,396	3,282	2,545		114	10,337

Table 22. RYE: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg  
May 1956

Date	1956 July future			
	Chicago	Minneapolis	Winnipeg	
	Board of	Grain	Grain	
	Trade	Exchange	Exchange	1/
1956				
May	Cents	Cents	Cents	
1	130-30 1/4	125 a	126 1/4-1/2	
2	128 1/4-1/2	124 a	128 1/8	
3	130 1/2	124 a	127 7/8 b	
4	132 1/4	124 b	128 7/8 a	
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	129 1/2	121 1/2 a	127 1/4-3/8	
8	127 1/2	120 a	126 3/8-1/2	
9	128 1/2	120 b	127 1/4-3/8	
10	127	121 n	125 1/4-3/8	
11	129	121 1/2 n	126 5/8	
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	127 1/2	119 n	125 3/8-1/2	
15	125 1/4	116 1/2 n	123 1/2	
16	125 1/4-26	118 n	122 3/4a -3/4	
17	126 3/4	119 1/2 b	124 1/4 b	
18	126 1/2-3/4	119 3/4 b	123 1/2 b	
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	126 3/4	119 1/2 a	Holiday	
22	124 1/4-1/2	118 b	121 7/8-22 1/8	
23	124 1/2	116 1/2	122 3/8 b	
24	125	118 1/4 b	122-22 1/8	
25	123-23 1/4	115 3/4 a	116 5/8-7/8	
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	118 1/2-5/8	112 1/2 a	111 1/2-5/8	
29	119	111 5/8 b	114 1/2	
Holiday				
31	120 3/4-21	113 1/4 b	114 7/8	

1/ As reported by the Chicago Board of Trade and converted to American currency at rates shown in Table 16.

Table 23. RYE: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, May 1956

Date	1956 May future				1956 July future				1956 September future			
	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Cents	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Cents	Closing	
1956												
May												
1	:130 1/4	128 1/4	128 1/4-1/2	:132	130	128 1/4	130-30 1/4	:131 3/4	129 5/8	129 3/4		
2	:129 3/4	126	126	:132 1/4	128 1/4	128 1/4	128 1/4-1/2	:131	126 1/2	126 1/2		
3	:128	125 1/4	127	:131	128	128	130 1/2	:130 1/4	126 3/4	129 7/8		
4	:130	128	129 1/4	:132 3/4	131 1/2	131 1/2	132 1/4	:133	131 1/4	131 3/4		
Saturday												
Sunday												
7	:129 3/8	126 1/2	126 3/4 b	:132 3/8	129	126 3/4	129 1/2	:132	128 3/4	129 1/4		
8	:126 3/4	124 3/4	125 1/4	:129 1/2	126 3/4	127 1/2	127 1/2	:129	127	127 3/4		
9	:127 1/4	125 3/4	126 1/4	:129 1/2	127 1/4	127 1/4	128 1/2	:129 3/4	127 1/2	128 3/4		
10	:127 1/2	126	126	:129 1/2	127	127	127	:130	127 5/8	127 5/8		
11	:128	126 1/2	127 1/4-1/2	:129 1/8	127 3/4	127 3/4	129	:129 1/2	127 5/8	129		
Saturday												
Sunday												
14	:127 1/2	125 3/4	125 3/4	:129 1/2	127 1/4	127 1/4	127 1/2	:129 1/4	126 3/4	127 1/4		
15	:125	122 1/2	123 1/2-3/4	:127	124 1/4	124 1/4	125 1/4	:126 7/8	124	124 3/4		
16	:125 1/4	123 1/2	124 1/4 b	:126 3/4	124 3/4	124 3/4	125 1/4-26	:126 1/2	124 3/8	125-25 1/2		
17	:125 5/8	123 1/4	125 5/8	:126 3/4	124 1/2	124 1/2	126 3/4	:126 1/2	124 1/2	126 1/4-1/2		
18	:127 3/8	126	126 1/2	:127 1/2	126 1/4	126 1/4	126 1/2-3/4	:127 1/4	126 1/4	126 1/4		
Saturday												
Sunday												
21	:128	125 1/4	126 3/4-28	:127 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	126 3/4	:126 3/4	125	126 3/4		
22	:---	---	---	:126 1/2	123 1/4	123 1/4	124 1/4-1/2	:126	123 1/8	123 3/4-24		
23	:---	---	---	:124 1/2	123	123	124 1/2	:124 1/4	123	124 1/4		
24	:---	---	---	:125 5/8	124 5/8	124 5/8	125	:125 1/4	124 1/4	124 1/2-3/4		
25	:---	---	---	:124 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	123-23 1/4	:124	122 1/4	123		
Saturday												
Sunday												
28	:---	---	---	:122 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2-5/8	:122	118 1/2	118 1/2		
29	:---	---	---	:120 3/4	118 1/2	118 1/2	119	:120 3/4	118 1/2	119-19 1/4		
Holiday												
31	:---	---	---	:121	119 1/4	119 1/4	120 3/4-21	:121	119 1/4	121		

Table 24. SOYBEANS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
May 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1956				
May				
1	49,058	5	262	49,325
2	66,185	---	381	66,566
3	53,057	---	536	53,593
4	25,420	---	261	25,681
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	29,866	---	275	30,141
8	39,093	---	418	39,511
9	44,117	---	257	44,374
10	38,848	15	516	39,379
11	32,320	---	471	32,791
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	40,043	55	286	40,384
15	31,623	30	308	31,961
16	29,772	---	299	30,071
17	26,036	---	370	26,406
18	31,360	---	240	31,600
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	24,404	---	241	24,645
22	38,001	---	476	38,477
23	27,984	---	462	28,446
24	19,202	---	259	19,461
25	27,762	---	183	27,945
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	39,943	---	368	40,311
29	36,791	5	377	37,173
Holiday				
31	25,874	---	255	26,129
Total				
May 1956	776,759	110	7,501	784,370
April 1956	676,997	30	7,712	684,739
May 1955	248,474	---	3,301	251,775

Table 25. SOYBEANS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
May 1956

Date	Future						All futures
	May	July	September	November	January	March	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	7,598	22,741	9,509	7,370	1,840		49,058
2	9,376	33,046	11,964	9,174	2,625		66,185
3	5,193	27,002	9,125	9,288	2,449		53,057
4	3,459	14,569	3,606	3,311	475		25,420
Saturday							
Sunday							
7	4,442	15,870	5,300	3,693	561		29,866
8	5,618	21,471	4,759	4,975	2,270		39,093
9	4,732	21,726	7,727	7,073	2,859		44,117
10	5,759	22,495	4,898	3,901	1,795		38,848
11	3,611	17,319	5,976	4,095	1,319		32,320
Saturday							
Sunday							
14	3,465	22,809	7,223	4,636	1,910		40,043
15	2,305	19,266	5,343	3,527	1,182		31,623
16	3,574	18,223	4,660	2,701	614		29,772
17	3,926	16,844	2,759	1,915	592		26,036
18	3,774	20,527	3,869	2,716	474		31,360
Saturday							
Sunday							
21	4,289	15,460	2,399	1,793	463		24,404
22	---	23,810	6,871	5,239	1,622	459	38,001
23	---	17,735	5,311	3,066	1,327	545	27,984
24	---	12,558	3,258	1,820	873	693	19,202
25	---	15,915	5,844	3,781	1,632	590	27,762
Saturday							
Sunday							
28	---	20,786	10,155	6,973	1,709	320	39,943
29	---	23,229	6,706	4,385	1,979	492	36,791
Holiday							
31	---	13,650	7,709	3,538	784	193	25,874
Total							
May 1956	71,121	437,051	134,971	98,970	31,354	3,292	776,759
April 1956	171,421	319,761	87,006	80,578	18,231	---	676,997
May 1955	66,631	114,338	1/ 21,846	1/ 35,773	1/ 8,448	1,438	248,474

1/ Old and new combined.

Table 26. SOYBEANS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
May 1956

Date	: Chicago : Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	: Other : contract : markets	: Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	94,173	138	491	94,802
2	95,879	133	463	96,475
3	93,243	98	406	93,747
4	92,650	63	423	93,136
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	93,280	63	505	93,848
8	95,167	63	433	95,663
9	95,344	63	468	95,875
10	92,876	68	457	93,401
11	89,940	68	439	90,447
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	89,935	65	467	90,467
15	89,429	65	451	89,945
16	88,554	65	511	89,130
17	89,131	12	435	89,578
18	87,570	12	450	88,032
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	86,218	10	472	86,700
22	86,107	10	465	86,582
23	86,605	10	449	87,064
24	87,635	10	461	88,106
25	87,281	5	456	87,742
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	85,365	5	378	85,748
29	84,769	---	367	85,136
Holiday				
31	84,657	---	390	85,047

Table 27. SOYBEANS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
May 1956

Date	Future						All futures
	May	July	September	November	January	March	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1956							
May							
1	11,873	42,090	15,477	18,453	6,280		94,173
2	11,464	42,820	15,830	18,997	6,768		95,879
3	9,411	42,466	15,828	18,675	6,863		93,243
4	8,965	42,549	15,565	18,733	6,838		92,650
Saturday							
Sunday							
7	8,674	43,206	15,731	18,932	6,737		93,280
8	8,230	44,178	16,152	19,538	7,069		95,167
9	7,529	44,226	16,844	19,438	7,307		95,344
10	6,771	42,448	17,073	19,391	7,193		92,876
11	5,715	41,147	16,546	19,343	7,189		89,940
Saturday							
Sunday							
14	5,120	41,301	17,003	19,671	6,840		89,935
15	4,449	41,561	17,085	19,413	6,921		89,429
16	4,009	41,411	16,836	19,399	6,899		88,554
17	4,285	41,638	16,835	19,528	6,845		89,131
18	2,528	41,433	16,842	19,876	6,891		87,570
Saturday							
Sunday							
21	963	41,559	16,949	19,888	6,859		86,218
22	207	41,164	17,389	19,793	7,177	377	86,107
23	130	40,630	17,507	19,878	7,643	817	86,605
24	40	40,950	17,483	19,814	8,020	1,328	87,635
25	25	40,347	17,556	19,149	8,452	1,752	87,281
Saturday							
Sunday							
28	5	38,604	17,535	18,772	8,541	1,908	85,365
29	5	37,638	17,321	18,953	8,764	2,088	84,769
Holiday							
31	---	37,137	17,498	19,148	8,758	2,116	84,657

Table 28. SOYBEANS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, May 1956

Date	1956 May future			1956 July future			1956 September future		
	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing
1956 :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
May :	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents
1 :	:331 1/8	323	331 1/8 b	:334 3/4	326 1/2	334 3/4 b	:287 1/4	278 1/4	287 1/4 b
2 :	:340	321 1/8	321 1/8 a	:342 1/4	324 3/4	324 3/4 a	:292 1/4	277 1/4	277 1/4 a
3 :	:320	311 1/8	313-13 1/4	:322 3/4	314 3/4	315 1/4-16 1/2	:280	268	274
4 :	:319	314	318-18 3/4	:321 1/4	316 1/2	320 1/4-3/4	:278 1/2	275	277 3/4-78
Saturday :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday :	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents
7 :	:323 3/4	318 1/4	321 1/2-23	:325 3/4	320 1/4	324-24 3/4	:281 1/4	276 3/4	278 3/4-79
8 :	:323 3/4	315	318 1/4-1/2	:326	317 1/2	320 1/2-3/4	:278 5/8	274 1/4	275 1/2-76
9 :	:316	308 3/8	308 3/8 a	:318	310 5/8	310 5/8 a	:274 1/4	267 1/2	267 1/2-68 1/2
10 :	:313 3/4	306 1/2	311 3/4-12	:314	307 1/4	312-12 1/2	:272 1/2	268 1/4	271 3/4
11 :	:321 7/8	316 1/2	321 1/2	:322	316	320 1/4-3/4	:279 3/4	273 1/4	277 3/4-78 1/4
Saturday :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday :	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents
14 :	:329 1/4	322 3/4	322 3/4-23 1/4	:329	323	323 1/4-24 1/4	:283 1/2	278	278-79
15 :	:322 1/2	316	320 1/4-1/2	:323	316 1/2	320-20 1/2	:277	272 3/8	274 3/4-75
16 :	:326	320 1/4	321-21 1/2	:325	320 1/4	320 1/2-21 1/4	:278 1/2	274 1/4	275-75 1/4
17 :	:325 1/4	318 1/2	323 1/2-3/4	:323 3/4	317 3/4	322 1/2-23	:275 3/4	273	274 3/4-75
18 :	:328 1/2	323 1/4	323 1/4-1/2	:327 3/4	322 1/2	323 1/2-24	:278 1/4	275 1/4	275 1/4
Saturday :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday :	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents
21 :	:327	319	322-27	:325 1/4	320 1/4	322-23	:276 1/2	273 3/4	275 1/2-3/4
22 :	:---	---	---	:320	312 3/4	313 1/2-14 1/4	:274 1/4	266 1/4	269-69 1/2
23 :	:---	---	---	:317	310 1/4	316-16 1/2	:271 1/2	266 1/4	270-70 1/4
24 :	:---	---	---	:318	314	316 1/4-1/2	:271 1/2	268	268 3/4-69
25 :	:---	---	---	:315	310 1/2	310 3/4-11 1/4	:268	264 1/2	265 1/2-3/4
Saturday :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Sunday :	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents
28 :	:---	---	---	:308	301	301 a	:263 3/4	257 1/4	258 3/4-59
29 :	:---	---	---	:304 3/4	297 3/4	301-01 1/2	:263 7/8	259 5/8	262 1/4
Holiday :	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
31 :	:---	---	---	:306 1/4	301 1/2	305 1/2-3/4	:268 1/4	263 1/2	267 1/2-68



United States Department of Agriculture  
COMMODITY EXCHANGE AUTHORITY  
Rodger R. Kauffman, Administrator

Field Offices

Chicago 4, Illinois

James Koutsky, In Charge  
Room 1200 Board of Trade Bldg.  
141 W. Jackson Blvd.

Kansas City 5, Missouri

L. E. Wolf, In Charge  
854 Board of Trade Bldg.

Minneapolis 15, Minnesota

Gerald J. Swoboda, In Charge  
510 Grain Exchange Bldg.

New Orleans 12, Louisiana

W. D. Espy, In Charge  
Room 306, New Orleans Cotton  
Exchange Bldg.

New York 4, New York

Roy Tipton, In Charge  
44 Beaver St., Room 202

Markets Supervised

Chicago Board of Trade  
Chicago Mercantile Exchange  
Chicago Open Board  
Milwaukee Grain Exchange  
Portland Grain Exchange  
San Francisco Grain Exchange  
Seattle Grain Exchange

Kansas City Board of Trade  
Merchants Exchange of St. Louis

Duluth Board of Trade  
Minneapolis Grain Exchange

Memphis Board of Trade  
Clearing Association  
New Orleans Cotton Exchange

New York Cotton Exchange  
New York Mercantile Exchange  
New York Produce Exchange  
Wool Associates of the New York  
Cotton Exchanges, Inc.

